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SAN FRANCISCO 3, CALIFORNIA

JUNE 20, 1944.

REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

MR. WHITAKER DEPARTED THURSDAY ON HIS RETURN TRIP TO WASHINGTON AFTER SPENDING SEVERAL DAYS WITH US HERE IN THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE. NUMEROUS SUBJECTS WITH RESPECT TO NEXT YEAR'S OPERATIONS WERE DISCUSSED AND SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS WILL LIKELY BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PLANS WERE ALSO COMPLETED FOR MOVING THE WESTERN AREA OFFICE TO BAKERSFIELD ABOUT AUGUST 1, AT WHICH TIME THE NEW SPACE IS SUPPOSED TO BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY.

MRS. EDNA ARNETT ARRIVED FROM MEMPHIS LAST WEEK, AND WE ARE INDEED GLAD TO WELCOME HER TO THE WESTERN AREA.

THE FIRST FOUR O.G. APPLICATIONS FOR THE COMING SEASON HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE EL PASO OFFICE. TWO WERE APPROVED, BUT MINOR DISCREPANCIES IN THE OTHERS NECESSITATED RETURNING THEM FOR CORRECTION.

MAJOR AND MRS. W. K. PALMER WERE SAN FRANCISCO VISITORS THIS WEEK. WILLIE IS STILL STATIONED AT HAMMER FIELD IN FRESNO, AND VISITS THE CITY QUITE FREQUENTLY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DUTIES AS PERSONNEL OFFICER FOR THE BASE.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - WEATHER CONDITIONS THIS WEEK HAVE VARIED FROM FAIR AND WARM MONDAY AND TUESDAY TO CLOUDY AND COOL WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY WITH SOME RAINFALL THURSDAY NIGHT. WHILE THE COTTON CROP IS REPORTED TO BE LOOKING GOOD IN SOME SECTIONS, IT HAS MADE VERY LITTLE HEADWAY THE BETTER PART OF THIS WEEK, DUE TO UNSEASONABLY COOL DAYS AND NIGHTS. ROUTINE OFFICE WORK REMAINED AT A MINIMUM. WE WERE VERY MUCH PLEASED TO HAVE MR. RODNEY WHITAKER AND MR. W. B. LANHAM WITH US MONDAY. SPACE AVAILABLE IN THE PROGRESSIVE BUILDING WAS EXAMINED WITH RESPECT TO LOCATING THE WESTERN AREA OFFICES HERE, AND WE HAVE SINCE BEEN ADVISED THAT THIS SPACE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND THAT OUR AREA OFFICE WILL BE LOCATED IN BAKERSFIELD ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 1. QUITE SOME TIME WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSING THE VARIOUS PHASES OF OUR WORK FOR THE COMING SEASON WITH MESSRS. WHITAKER AND LANHAM. IT WAS PROPOSED DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS TO USE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT SAMPLE IN CALIFORNIA FOR GRADE AND STAPLE REPORTS THIS SEASON, INSTEAD OF THE USUAL SELECTED GINS. THE WRITER WILL BE AWAY FROM THE OFFICE NEXT WEEK, CONTACTING GINS THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK OF THE COMING SEASON. BUSINESS CONTINUES VERY DULL WITH ONLY A LIMITED DEMAND FOR SOME OF THE HIGHER QUALITIES. PRACTICALLY LITTLE OR NO INTEREST IS BEING MANIFESTED IN THE LOWER QUALITIES AT THIS TIME.....DIXON.

EL PASO - EXCELLENT COTTON GROWING WEATHER HAS PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AND COTTON HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS. CHOPPING IS WELL UNDER WAY. LABOR IS SUFFICIENT. OFFICE PERSONNEL HAVE DEVOTED THE MAJOR PART OF THIS WEEK TO THE PREPARATION OF DRAWINGS OF THE ARRANGEMENT OF OUR CLASSING ROOM TRAYS TOGETHER WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE GRADE AND STAPLE STAMPS AND THE METHOD OF USE. THESE WERE PREPARED AT THE REQUEST OF MR. KENNEDY PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING THE DIVISION AND UPON REQUEST BY MR. WHITAKER ON HIS RECENT VISIT. I AM QUITE PROUD OF THE DRAWINGS THAT MR. MACKELL HAS PREPARED. WE LOOK FORWARD TOMORROW TO MR. WHITAKER'S ARRIVAL ON HIS WAY THROUGH TO DALLAS; ALSO TO A BRIEF VISIT WITH MR. CRITTENDON ON THE 17TH, WHO IS ON A WELL-EARNED VACATION. THE WRITER AND MR. MACKELL WILL BE IN A TRAVEL STATUS WITHIN THE AREA FROM THE 21ST THROUGH THE 30TH. THERE IS VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY OF ANY KIND ON THIS MARKET.....BUTTERWORTH.

PHOENIX - COOLER WEATHER HAS PREVAILED THE PAST WEEK. THE OLD TIMERS TELL US THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN THE NIGHTS AND EARLY MORNINGS AS COLD AS THEY HAVE BEEN THIS SEASON. AS A RESULT OF THE COOL WEATHER, THE COTTON CROP IS MAKING JUST FAIR PROGRESS. VEGETABLE GROWERS HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY GATHERING THEIR CARROTS, ONIONS, POTATOES, ETC. A GOOD YIELD IS REPORTED IN ALL OF THESE COMMODITIES. OFFICE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CONFINED MOSTLY TO ROUTINE WORK AND SHOWING OF THE CCC SXP SAMPLES. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED WORD OF ANY OF THIS COTTON BEING SOLD. THE MERCHANTS ARE ALL WELL PLEASED WITH THE WAY THE COTTON WAS PUT UP, BUT STATE THE PRICE ASKED

FOR IT IS TOO HIGH. THERE HAS BEEN A LITTLE MORE ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON MARKET THIS WEEK. A SMALL AMOUNT OF 1943-44 SHORT STAPLE EQUITIES IN THE GRADES SLM AND BETTER, AND STAPLES UP TO AND INCLUDING 1-1/32 INCHES WERE SOLD FOR TWO DOLLARS PER BALE, WHILE THE 1942-43 EQUITIES IN THESE GRADES AND STAPLES ARE SELLING FOR FIVE DOLLARS. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL HUNDRED BALES OF LOW GRADE SXP EQUITIES SOLD, FOR TWO CENTS PER POUND OVER THE LOAN PRICE..... CRITTENDON.

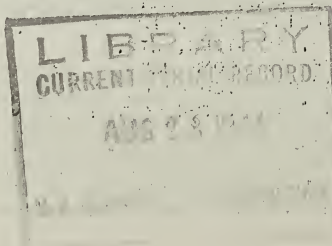
LOS ANGELES - THE WEATHER HAS CONTINUED COOL DURING THE PAST WEEK WITH CLOUDS AND FOG IN THE MORNINGS AND SOME SUNSHINE IN THE AFTERNOONS. TEMPERATURES HAVE RANGED FROM 60 TO 70 DEGREES. PRODUCTION HAS RUN LIGHT AGAIN THIS WEEK, LARGELY DUE TO ABSENTISM AND LABOR SHORTAGE. ONLY ABOUT 8,450 NET POUNDS PRODUCED FOR SHIPMENT. THIS WAS ALL GARNETTED FROM STOCK THAT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY FLAMEPROOFED, AND BALED. THE ALTERED FLAMEPROOFING EQUIPMENT IS NOT IN PRODUCTION AS YET. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE LAST WEEKLY REPORT HAVE TOTALED 8,794 NET POUNDS BRINGING THE TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO DATE ON THE 1944 ALLOTMENT TO 133,572 NET POUNDS.....DORR.

O.G. APPLICATIONS, WESTERN AREA, WEEK ENDING JUNE 20, 1944

	ARIZONA				CALIFORNIA		NEW MEXICO		TEXAS
	DIST.				DIST.		DIST.		DIST.
	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	6
	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.	NO.
APPROVED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN AREA, THROUGH JUNE 16, 1944

	WEEK	SEASON						
	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	TOTAL
BAKERSFIELD	NONE		327,108	3229			958	331,295
EL PASO	NONE		175,327	760			4065	180,152
PHOENIX	NONE		122,946	192	292		5525	128,955
TOTAL	NONE		625,381	4181	292		10548	640,402



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